

strawberries and the like. The seedling pot, that will be mass-produced herein using inexpensive nonwoody plant materials and certain other materials not widely utilized in this field, has to be designed and composed in principle such that growth of leaves, stems and the like important organs will be facilitated. Also, this seedling pot that can ~~inexpensively~~ inexpensively be manufactured herein as suggested above has to be tenacious, safe and harmless to handle. When discarding this pot after use, it may usually be left in the earth so as to be ready for biological decomposition in situ, or may alternatively be burnt without generating any toxic substance.

Page 2, amend the paragraph beginning on line ²⁶ 13 to read as follows:

According to the present invention, a seedling pot for fruit crops may be molded using a mixture of boiled fibers of bamboo and Gramineae plant such as ditch reed, a supplementary component and urea as an additive. The supplementary component preferably blended with a palm product may be composed of at least one material selected from the group consisting of a carbonized plant material obtained by heating a nonwoody plant, a calcium-rich waste powder such as powdered bones and powdery foul droppings. From another aspect, the invention provides a seedling pot for fruit crops may be molded using another mixture of boiled fibers of bamboo and Gramineae plant such as ditch reed, a supplementary component, and urea and a silicon dioxide powder as additives. The supplementary component preferably blended with a palm product may also be composed of at least one material selected from the group consisting of a carbonized plant material obtained by heating a nonwoody plant, a calcium-rich waste ~~pow-der~~ powder such as powdered bones and powdery foul dropping.

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